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**Florida House Members To Screen *Waiting for "Superman,"*
Participate in Panel Discussion on Education Reform**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Members of the Florida House of Representatives will screen the film *Waiting for "Superman,"* today, Tuesday, December 7, 2010, at Regal Miracle 5 Cinema in Tallahassee. Speaker pro tempore John Legg (R-Port Richey) and Representative Marty Kiar (D-Davie) will represent the Florida House during a panel discussion on education reform following the film. The screening will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., with the panel discussion immediately following, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Waiting for "Superman" tells the story of five children as they make their way through America's failing public education system. This documentary film, by Davis Guggenheim, the Academy Award-winning director of *An Inconvenient Truth*, exposes viewers to the low expectations and dismal student achievement results that exist today in America's public school system.

"Florida has long been viewed as a leader in education reform, yet there is much progress to be made to ensure that our state's students receive a world class education," said Speaker pro tempore Legg. "This screening and panel discussion sponsored by the Florida Legislature aims to continue the discussion among Florida lawmakers about our schools, the achievement gap that remains a part of the system, and the steps that Florida must take to reform our public school system."

This screening in Tallahassee is one in a series of state capital events around the country for legislators and state government officials.

"Too many of our state's children are trapped in low-performing schools where they don't receive an education that prepares them for life in a global marketplace," said Representative Kiar. "The screening of *Waiting for 'Superman'* and the panel discussion is an opportunity for lawmakers and education leaders to have a candid discussion about Florida's public school system and what reforms the state legislature should consider when discussing education."

Other panel participants include State Senator Evelyn Lynn (R-Daytona Beach), Senator Stephen Wise (R-Jacksonville), Leon County School Superintendent Jackie Pons, and Patricia Levesque, Executive Director for the Foundation for Florida's Future.

For more information on *Waiting for "Superman,"* please visit www.waitingforsuperman.com/action.

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